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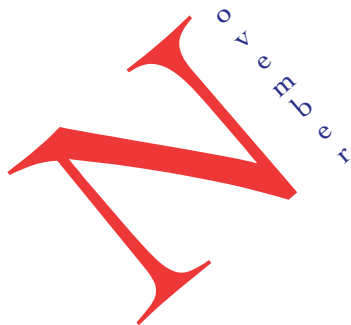
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Now thru December 13th

A Civil War Christmas

An American Musical Celebration.

BU Theatre - Mainstage, Huntington

Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.huntingtontheatre.org

November 18th - 22nd

InsideOut

Featuring work by hundreds of established and emerging visual artists.

SMEA. Various times.

www.mfa.org

November 19th thru March

Frog Pond Skating

Fun for the whole family, come skate on the frog pond in the idyllic surrounds of the Boston Common.

Boston Common. 5:30 p.m.

For season reminder:

Mon: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tues - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.;

Fri - Sat: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. \$.

www.bostoncommonfrogpond.org

November 21st

Annual Faneuil Hall

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Experience the illumination of the largest tree in New England. Festivities happen throughout the day.

Faneuil Hall. 5:30 p.m.

www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

November 23rd

Christopher Columbus

Park Trellis Lighting

Join the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park in lighting this 260 ft. long trellis.

Christopher Columbus Park. 5:30 p.m.

www.foccp.org

November 27th thru December 27th

Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker

A great Boston tradition performed by one of the country's great dance companies.

Opera House. Various times. \$.

www.bostonballet.org

November 27th

Macy's Christmas Tree Lighting

Macy's will light the 50-foot tree atop the Macy's building's marquee ledge.

Downtown Crossing. 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

www.macys.com

November 28th - December 24th

Downtown Crossing Holiday Market

A holiday market featuring art, hot cider and bread and much more.

Downtown Crossing. Mon - Sat, 11 a.m - 7 pm. ;

Sun, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

www.dtholidaymarket.wordpress.com

November 30th

Northern Avenue Bridge Lighting

Join Mayor Menino & the Friends of Fort Point Channel for this 5th annual event. The wreaths to be lit are designed by Fort Point artists.

Northern Avenue Bridges. 5 p.m.

www.friendsoffortpointchannel.org

December 2nd

Copley Square Tree Lighting

Annual tree lighting ceremony kicks off the holiday season in historic Copley Square.

Copley Square. 5 p.m.

www.cityofboston.gov/parks





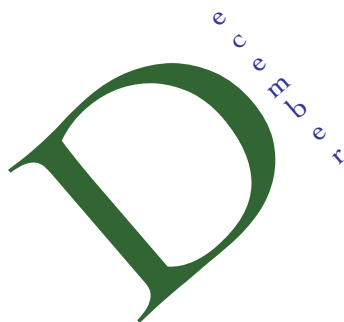
Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
City of Boston

Amid the snow blanketed streets and bustle of the holidays, Boston's arts scene continues to enthrall audiences all winter long. Venerable traditions such as *Handel's Messiah* and *Urban Nutcracker* blend with new works like the world premiere of Opera Boston's original production of *Madame White Snake*. There is simply no place like Boston in the wintertime.

I want to thank and congratulate our vibrant cultural community for providing world-class entertainment for our residents and visitors. I invite you and your family to enjoy our traditions and to create your own.

Wishing you the very best,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston



December 2nd - 4th

MFA for the Holidays

Celebrate the season with festive music, films, dining, decorations, and a concert from the Boston Children's Chorus. Under 17 are free.

Museum of Fine Arts.

10 a.m. - 9:45 p.m. \$.

www.mfa.org

December 3rd

Boston's Official Tree

Lighting Ceremony

Enjoy Boston's holiday stage show in association with our friends from Nova Scotia and Santa Claus of course.

Boston Common. 6:00 p.m.

www.cityofboston.gov/parks

December 4th - 6th

The Fort Point Holiday Sale

Artists from one of Boston's most popular artistic enclaves sell their original work.

12 Farnsworth St., Fort Point Channel.

Various times.

www.fortpointarts.org

December 4th - 6th

Handel: Messiah

Join Harry Christophers as he makes his eagerly anticipated debut as Artistic Director.

Symphony Hall. Various times. \$.

www.handelandhaydn.org

December 4th - 13th

Clue!

Based on the world-famous board game. The audience gets to vote on "whodunit."

Riverside Theater Works. Various times. \$.

www.rtwboston.org

December 4th - 20th

Black Nativity

Combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes, this song-play touches a special chord in the hearts of all.

Tremont Temple. Various times. \$.

www.blacknativity.org

December 4th - 20th

Urban Nutcracker

The holiday dance classic re-worked with the neon crackle of the inner city.

John Hancock Hall. Various times. \$.

www.balletroxx.org

December 4th thru January

First Friday Open Studios

The SoWa Artists Guild strives to make art and artists accessible to everyone.

450 Harrison Ave. 5 - 9 p.m.

www.sowaartistsguild.com

December 5th

'Tis the Season

Boston Children's Chorus and the Back Bay Ringers wish everyone a "Happy Holidays."

Faneuil Hall, 10:50 a.m. & 2 p.m.

www.bostonchildrenschorus.org

December 5th

Annual Holiday Fair

Come buy your holiday gifts at this juried show.

The Eliot School, Jamaica Plain.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.eliotsschool.org

December 5th - 6th

Charlestown Open Studios

As Charlestown artists open their studios to the public, this is a great chance to buy your gifts for the Holidays.

Various locations. Charlestown.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com

December 5th - 6th

Hyde Park Open Studios

Hyde Park artists sell their artwork from their studios.

Various locations. Hyde Park.

12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

www.hydeparkopenstudios.org

December 6th

Bazaar Bizarre

An array of funky crafts are on sale for the holidays.

Boston Center for the Arts.

12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

www.bazaarbizarre.org



December 9th - 27th

Boston Holiday Pops

This holiday season, historic Symphony Hall is the place to be to share in this beloved concert experience with family and friends.

Symphony Hall. Various times. \$.

www.bso.org

December 10th

Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll

Victorian carolers, strolling jazz, horse & buggy rides and refreshments.

Charles & Vernon St, Beacon Hill. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

www.beaconhillbusinessassociation.org

December 11th

Christmas in England: Ancient & Modern

Boston Cecilia celebrates the season.

Church of the Advent, Boston. 8 p.m. \$.

www.bostoncecilia.org



december 4

5:30 pm **West Roxbury** Roche Family Ctr

6:15 pm **Readville** Wolcott Square

6:45 pm **Mattapan** Mattapan Square

7:15 pm **Dorchester** Codman Square

7:45 pm **Dorchester** Adams Corner

december 5

2:00 pm **Jamaica Plain** J.P. Monument

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3:15 pm **Roxbury** Mission Hill

3:45 pm **Roxbury** Dudley Plaza

4:15 pm **South End** Boston Center for the Arts

5:00 pm **Brighton** Oak Square

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1:00 pm **South Boston** West Broadway

1:45 pm **Chinatown** Harrison & Beach

2:30 pm **North End** Paul Revere Mall

3:15 pm **Charlestown** Thompson Square

4:00 pm **East Boston** Central Square

macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour & Tree Lightings



December 12th

Christmas Concert

Festive cheer in Boston's historic North End.

Old North Church, North End. 5 p.m.

Contact: 617-525-6676

December 12th

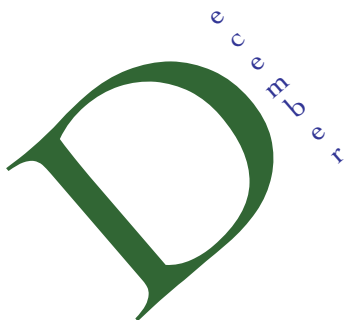
5th Annual Candy Land Tournament

Games, children's activities, holiday entertainment, snacks and more!

Quincy Market Building. \$.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

www.fanueilhallmarketplace.com



December 12th - 15th

SoWa Holiday Market

A unique show featuring 80 local artists.

74 Union Park St, South End.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

www.sowaholidaymarket.com

December 13th - 20th

Christmas Celtic Sojourn

Enjoy an intimate sharing of Christmas cheer with Brian O'Donovan.

Cutler Majestic Theater.

Various times. \$.

www.maj.org

December 13th - 20th

Stars: A Holiday Celebration

150 voices from the Boston Gay Men's Chorus sing beloved carols.

New England Conservatory's

Jordan Hall. Various times. \$.

www.bgmc.org

December 15th - 27th

Mamma Mia!

The show that needs little introduction with all those glittering hits from Abba.

Colonial Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.broadwayacrossamerica.com

December 16th

The Nutcracker

Boston Dance Company performs the timeless classic.

Strand Theatre,

Dorchester. 10 a.m. \$.

www.bostondancecompany.net

December 17th & 20th

A Baroque Gift

Rejoice as both popular and lesser known holiday works are featured.

NEC's Jordan Hall.

Various times. \$.

www.handelandhaydn.org

December 18th

"Shepherds, Follow the Star" Annual Holiday Concert

With traditional candlelight procession, brass chorale and carol sing-along.

Old South Church, Copley Sq. 8 p.m. \$.

www.choruspromusica.org

December 18th - 19th

Annual Kwanzaa Concert

Dance troupe OriginNation gives their annual dance concert.

Roxbury Community College.

Fri, 8 p.m.; Sat, 5 p.m. \$.

www.originationinc.org

December 19th

Strand Wonderland

Family fun for all, with a visit from Santa Claus. Free to the general public.

Strand Theatre, Dorchester. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

www.strandboston.com

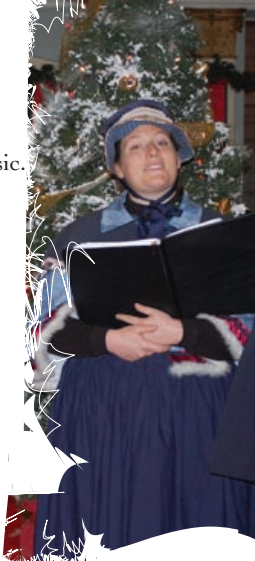
December 23rd - 27th

The 101 Dalmatians Musical

One of the world's greatest classic tales hits the stage for the first time!

The Wang Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.citicenter.org



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December 31st

First Night Boston

Entertainment of every kind in every corner of Downtown Boston. Later in the evening is the First Night Procession and family fireworks.

Various locations. Various times. \$.

www.firstnight.org



January 1st

Annual New Year's Day Swim

Curley Recreation Center

1665 Columbia Rd., South Boston.

www.lstreetcurley.com

January 8th - February 7th

All My Sons

Arthur Miller's powerful story about personal responsibility that catapulted him among the ranks of America's greatest playwrights.

BU Theatre - Mainstage, Huntington Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.huntingtontheatre.org



January 18th

From the Child's Mind

7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Concert from the Boston Children's Chorus with the Young People's Chorus of New York.

NEC's Jordan Hall. 7 p.m. \$.

www.bostonchildrenschorus.org

January 18th

MLK National Speaking Program

Celebrating the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., this program highlights the virtues of individual freedom through collective effort.

Faneuil Hall. 12 p.m.

www.cityofboston.gov

January 27th

Jerome Kyles: Who I Am

With hints of jazz, classical, r&b, and gospel.

Berklee Performance Center. 8:15 p.m. \$.

www.berkleebpc.com

January 29th - 31st

Mozart Dances

By Mark Morris Dance Group and with the orchestra of Emmanuel Music.

Boston Opera House. Various times. \$.

www.celebrityseries.org

February 2nd - 14th

The Turn of the Screw

Boston Lyric Opera bring us the story of the fight against evil.

Shubert Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.blo.org

February 2nd - 14th

Dreamgirls

Full of onstage joy and backstage drama, Dreamgirls tells the rags-to-riches story of a 1960s Motown girl group.

Colonial Theatre. Various times. \$.

www.broadwaycrossamerica.com

February 12th & 14th

Zest for Love

Celebrate the season of love with romantic vocal music and readings from Shakespeare.

NEC's Jordan Hall. Various times. \$.
www.handelandhaydn.org

February 12th, 14th, 18th, 20th

Così Fan Tutte

Mozart's farcical opera about women, men, and the trials of love!

Riverside Theatre Works. Various times. \$.
www.rtwboston.org

February 12th - March 13th

Legacy of Light

This entertaining new comedy shares twists of self discovery and two women's quest for knowledge and love.

Lyric Stage Company. Various times. \$.
www.lyricstage.com

February 14th

A Borromeo Valentine

A special performance designed to tug at the heart strings.

Faneuil Hall. 5 p.m. \$.
www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org

February 16th - March 21st

The Lion King

Experience the phenomenon: The entire savannah comes to life in this visually stunning musical.

Boston Opera House. Various times. \$.
www.broadwayacrossamerica.com

February 18th - 20th

All Beethoven Program

These concerts offer two all-Beethoven programs with James Levine.

Symphony Hall. Thurs - Sat, 8 p.m. \$.
www.bso.org



February 26th & March 2nd

Madame White Snake

WORLD PREMIERE: A cross-cultural drama of passion and transformation drawn from a beloved Chinese legend, a powerful white snake demon longs to become human to experience love.

Cutler Majestic Theatre. Various times. \$.
www.operaboston.org

February 27th

Songs My Mother Taught Me

A Choral Festival for Young Choirs hosted by Boston Children's Chorus.

Roxbury Community College. 2 p.m. \$.
www.bostonchildrenschorus.org

February 28th

Great American Songbook:

The Music of Motown

Motown celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2009 with Berklee students and faculty artists perform the timeless music of Motown with a full orchestra.

Berklee Performance Center. 7:50 p.m. \$.
www.berkleebpc.com



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